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## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Naval Officers' Training School (Szkoła Oficerska dla Marynarki Wojennej) was located in Gdynia [5433N-1833E]. Practical instruction was given the cadets aboard the Polish destroyer BLYSKAWICA, which was normally anchored off-shore; occasionally, cadets received training aboard the BLYSKAWICA on cruises in the Baltic Sea. Theoretical instruction was given the cadets in the Academy's school buildings on shore.
2. Young men between the ages of 18 and 21 were qualified to enter the Naval Academy, provided they received their gymnasium certificate (Mala Matura - equivalent to 11 years of school), and were considered politically reliable. Persons already in the Polish Navy as enlisted men could enter this Academy provided they had their gymnasium certificate and had served at least two years in the Polish Navy. Registration with the Academy was performed once a year, either in January or February. Applicants were required to take a very thorough physical examination. About 500 to 600 cadets attended the Academy in 1947.
3. On entering the Academy, the applicant was required to enlist in the Polish Navy for 10 years. The applicant attended school for five years, at the end of which time he received a grade of warrant officer or ensign, depending on the grades he received while in school. He also received a matriculation certificate (Duzza Matura) [which may be similar to a junior college diploma].

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4. Besides naval courses and military drill, cadets had such courses as Russian, French, English, Polish, mathematics, political orientation, geography, and world history. They were taught by both civilian and naval instructors. The radar instructor was Lt. Cmdr. Wieslaw KON who came from England in 1946.
5. The uniform of the naval cadet was similar to the uniform of the Polish naval officer, except for the visor of the cap, which was plain (without the naval officer's star) and the cuffs, which had a narrow gold stripe for each year served as a cadet. On each lapel of the blouse the letters OS (Oficerska Szkola) appeared.

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